

Indiana Health Informatics Corporation (IHIC)

March 12, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kent Barth called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

- Kent Barth
- Brian Bauer (via phone)
- Chuck Christian
- Linda Chezem (via phone)
- Jim Edlund MD
- Roland Gamache and Chris Mickens (designees of Dr Judy Monroe)
- Randy Howard MD

Also in attendance were John Kansky of IHIE (IHIC staff), Troy Hege (BioCrossroads), Kim Metzger (Ice-Miller), and Bernie Ulrich (Indiana Hospital Association).

Transition of Chairmanship

Kent Barth called the meeting to order and explained that with the resignation of Dr Jeff Wells from his position at FSSA, Secretary Murphy has asked him to serve as her designee in the role of IHIC chair.

Update on Activities Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Mr. Kansky gave an update on the activities in Indiana and Washington D.C. None of the HITECH funding has been distributed nor have the processes to apply for the funding been publicized. IHIC board members including Overhage, Crosley, Howard, and Wells collaborated with other Indiana leaders to draft an Indiana HITECH funding strategy that, in its current draft, includes 7 initiatives designed to leverage existing Indiana assets to build sustainable entities and services that the ARRA bills seeks to fund. In addition, meetings are taking place with state and federal government leaders to inform and advance Indiana's funding strategy and to build support. Individuals representing organizations with lead roles in specific initiatives that are part of the strategy have been meeting to begin shaping the details of those initiatives and to identify any appropriate partners.

Dr Gamache expressed concern that public health was not specifically referenced in the descriptions of the ARRA initiatives. It was acknowledged by the board that public health should indeed be an imbedded part of the overall strategy. In addition, the board expressed the desire that all initiatives be appropriately geographically inclusive and representative of the state as a whole. Mr. Barth expressed the expectation that milestones and timelines for the upcoming ARRA efforts in Indiana be developed and shared with the board.

Finally, there have been discussions of potentially nominating someone from Indiana to the policy or privacy committees created by ARRA. Board members were encouraged to join in those discussions.

IHIC Role in the Pursuit of ARRA Funding

Mr. Kansky briefed the board on the potential roles that had been discussed for IHIC in Indiana's pursuit and allocation of ARRA HITECH funding. These roles include:

- Be one of the organizations applying for funding
- Managing the project(s) if funded
- Coordinating statewide efforts (being defined)
- Author of the statewide plan (four visions or some expansion)

Mr. Kansky passed out a message sent by David Johnson, CEO of BioCrossroads, expressing support for IHIC and stressing the organization's importance in Indiana's pursuit of HITECH funding. The board, by consensus, agreed that IHIC would indeed plan to fill the conceptual roles listed above.

Workgroup Update

Mr. Kansky gave an update of workgroup activity since the last board meeting. Dr Wells, prior to his departure, contacted all proposed workgroup members to invite them to participate. A document was distributed listing all workgroup members and indicating who has been invited, who has accepted, and where membership vacancies still exist. Before the next board meeting, it is expected that all workgroup leaders and members will receive information needed to launch the workgroups and that all workgroups will begin meeting. Mr. Christian suggested it would be important for all workgroups to begin their work quickly in the context of approaching releases of information from federal agencies related to ARRA funding. Dr Howard echoed that it would be important that the workgroups be ready to feedback action plans to the board in support of the 4 IHIC visions and related proposed Indiana initiatives.

Discussion of IHIC's Need for a Website

Mr. Barth gave an overview of the recent efforts to create an IHIC public-facing website. He suggested that there was the need for different levels of content for different audiences. The intent is for IHIC to get a fairly minimalist website up that will provide information on IHIC formation, vision and goals and to post information about the corporation's past and planned activity. In the future, additional content and media can be added to serve more sophisticated needs. It was acknowledged that IHIC did not currently have access to resources to develop and host a more sophisticated website. Mr Bauer offered that Terre Haute Regional Hospital may be in a position to offer future web development assistance and Ms Mickens from ISDH made a similar offer.

Mr. Barth adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2009, 9:00-11:00am (Purdue Intech Park)